Recognitions at July 2008 State Board Meeting

Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award Winner

More than 15,000 School Improvement Council members volunteer in public schools across our state. The Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award recognizes their contributions. This award is named for the former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Education Secretary, and his late wife, Tunky. It honors the couple's longstanding commitment to quality public education.

State Superintendent Jim Rex (left in photo) and State Board member Diane Sumpter congratulate <u>Bookman Road Elementary School</u> principal Michael Guliano, whose School Improvement Council was named 2008 winner of the Riley Award. The Bookman Road council has:

- Coordinated community and local business support for construction of a Lighthouse Lookout Nature Trail;
- Spearheaded a \$2,300 <u>Palmetto Pride</u> grant for improvements to school grounds; and
- Involved more than 140 community volunteers in their first Take Pride (in the Outside) Day, which resulted in their being designated as a <u>National Wildlife</u> <u>Federation Schoolyard Habitat</u>.

Honorable mention for the Riley Award went to <u>Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts</u>, <u>Laurel Hill Primary School</u>, to <u>Meadowfield Elementary School</u> and to <u>Pineview Elementary School</u>.

